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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR NATO OPEN PROJECT GROUP (OPG) ON REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR SELF-PROTECTION ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES
(ECM) FOR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT

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1. SUMMARY. AT MEETING NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG)
SUB-GROUP 11 (SG/11) ON AIR ASPECTS OF ELECTRONIC WAR-
FARE (EW) ON DEC 4-5, 1973, FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS DEVELOPED
FOR SUBJECT OPG. CHAIRMAN REVIEWED PLAN FOR ACTION AT NEXT
OPG MEETING OUTLINED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. THE OPG SHOULD LIMIT ITS WORK TO FOLLOWING:

A. CONSIDER COMMON INTEREST OF NATIONS IN PROCUREMENT OF
CHAFF DISPENSERS AND IN PARTICULAR THE REQUIREMENT FOR F-5
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AND F-104 AIRCRAFT.

B. REVIEW PROPOSED SOLUTIONS AND IDENTIFY CANDIDATE SYSTEMS.
C. OUTLINE FUNDING POSTURE OF EACH INTERESTED NATION
AND RECOMMEND ACTIONS FOR COMMON PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

D. PROVIDE TENTATIVE COMMITMENTS FOR NATIONS DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLOSED PROJECT GROUP FOR EACH AIRCRAFT AS APPLICABLE.

E. REPORT TO SG/11 FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE AS REQUIRED.

3. CHAIRMAN OPG THEN STATED THAT MEETING ON JAN 30-31, 1974 WILL BE CONCERNED WITH CHAFF PROTECTION FOR F-5 AND F-104 AIRCRAFT. HE ASKED THAT EACH INTERESTED NATION PROVIDE TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS TO DISCUSS OPERATIONAL PLANS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR CHAFF, INCLUDING CAPACITY AND LOCATION OF DISPENSERS, SIZE AND LOCATION OF CONTROL BOX, AND STATUS INDICATOR. HE INTENDS THAT THE OPG PREPARE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FOR NATO COOPERATIVE EFFORT, THEN ASK INDUSTRY FOR COST ESTIMATES. AT JAN MEETING, NATIONS SHOULD PRESENT THEIR PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO CHAFF PROBLEM. REPS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR NATIONAL FUNDING POSTURE FOR A CHAFF CAPABILITY, ARE PRESENT POSITIONS ON COMMON PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT. COMMENT. THIS IS AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM FOR ONE TWO-DAY MEETING. UNDER NATO GM(66)33(2D REVISE), OPEN PROJECT GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE WITHIN SIX MONTHS IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT NATIONAL INTEREST TO SUPPORT A CLOSED PROJECT GROUP AND A SPECIFIC NATO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. AT THAT POINT, NATIONS SUBSCRIBE TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROCEED WITH A COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND MAKE PROVISIONS FOR FUNDING. THIS OPG WAS ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 1973. FULLEST NATIONAL SUPPORT OF ITS PROGRAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENABLE IT TO REACH DECISION BY APRIL 1974. END COMMENT.

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